



Date: April 17, 2006
To: Gerald R. Miller, City Manager
From: Katherine Parsons, Public Information Officer
For: Mayor and Members of the City Council
Subject: City Report For Week Ending April 14, 2006

This *City Report* highlights various activities for the week ending April 14, 2006. I hope you will find this information useful. Please feel free to contact my staff should you have any questions.

MAJOR WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS

City Manager

The Toyota Grand Prix of Long Beach, with a total estimated attendance of 200,000, was held at the downtown race circuit from April 7 to April 9. City staff from Parks, Recreation and Marine, Economic Development Bureau, Fire, Police and Public Works contributed to the success of this annual event.

Parks, Recreation and Marine, Marine Bureau

The Marine Bureau worked with the Long Beach Yacht Club as it hosted the Congressional Cup on April 11.

Public Works

The 90-day pilot *Parking Pay Station* project began on April 14 with a media demonstration of the five solar-powered electronic kiosks that accept Mastercard or Visa debit/credit cards and coins to pay for parking. The pilot project is in the Pike area around Pine and Bay. One kiosk station replaces five to eight meters on a City block.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Fire, Public Works and Police

The Airport Operations Division will be hosting the Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA) mandated triennial exercise on **Saturday, April 22**, from 8:00 a.m. to noon. Approximately 300 volunteers will participate in the event. Airport staff is working closely with the Fire Department/Disaster Management and the Police Department on the exercise.

NEIGHBORHOODS

Community Development, Neighborhood Services

On April 5, the Neighborhood Resource Center hosted a *Healthy Homes Workshop* presented by staff from the Department of Health and Human Services Healthy Homes Program. Residents met one-on-one with staff prior to the actual workshop presentation and learned how to keep their homes healthier, cleaner and safer according to their specific household needs. Several hands-on displays provided information on products that were both helpful and harmful.

NEIGHBORHOODS

Community Development, Neighborhood Services (continued)

One visual aid illustrated how a seemingly insignificant amount of lead could contaminate a whole house. For more information about other workshops, please call 570.1010.

Parks, Recreation and Marine, Community Recreation Programs Bureau

On April 8, 14 girls and boys' indoor soccer teams started the season at Whaley and College Estates Parks.

Parks, Recreation and Marine, Planning and Development Bureau

The playground equipment is completely installed at Lilly Park. The concrete curb forming that holds the playground surface is completed and concrete will be poured on April 14.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Parks, Recreation and Marine, Community Enrichment Programs Bureau

On April 8, more than 24 guests at Rancho Los Cerritos were treated to images of Southern California from the late-19th century, as Gary Kurutz, Director of the Special Collections Branch of the California State Library, discussed the legacy of photographers C.E. Watkins and William Fletcher. Kurutz shared outstanding images of early Los Angeles, Santa Monica, the San Fernando Valley, Yosemite, and other destinations, exploring the role such photos played in promoting the area as a semi-tropical paradise.

On April 12, architects and engineers with expertise in adobe architecture visited Rancho Los Cerritos to view a successful seismic retrofit project as part of a three-day colloquium by the Getty Conservation Institute. The 60 experts from around the world have been exploring the results of the Getty's multi-year seismic adobe study and sharing experiences in strengthening un-reinforced masonry buildings in their countries.

Parks, Recreation and Marine, Community Recreation Programs Bureau

On April 12, California Recreation Center, in collaboration with the Asian and Pacific Islander Older Adults Task Force, sponsored a Cambodian New Year Celebration, with more than 100 people in attendance. Attendees enjoyed folklore dancing, music, lunch, and guest speakers.

The 47th Annual Wilson Invitational Swim Meet was held at Belmont Plaza Pool on April 14, with over 500 athletes from ten local high schools competing.

OTHER ITEMS OF NOTE

Parks, Recreation and Marine, Planning and Development Bureau

The rough plumbing for the accessibility improvements to the Colorado Lagoon North restroom will be completed on April 14, with an inspection to follow next week.

OTHER ITEMS OF NOTE (continued)

Long Beach Gas & Oil, Gas Services Bureau

Staff completed a total of 3,123 service calls. This total included 1,129 and Water Utility Turn Ons, and 796 Turn Offs. During this period, 988 Customer Service Orders were completed for services that included lighting pilots, adjusting and inspecting appliances, completing fumigation orders, and verifying read orders. A total of 210 meter maintenance and billing-related orders were completed. In addition, Gas Control/Dispatch (24/7 operation) received 398 emergency phone calls that resulted in 84 emergency orders being sent out.

STREET CONSTRUCTION REPORT

Long Beach Gas and Oil, Gas Pipe Installation

Contact: 570.2060

20th St.

Hill St.

Caspian St.

Baltic Ave.

East of Santa Fe Avenues

Estimated completion: May

Long Beach Gas and Oil, Gas Regulator Station Rebuild

Contact: 570.2060

Colorado St. and Nieto Ave.

Estimated Completion: April

Public Works, Street Improvements

Contact: 570.5160

Anaheim Street Obispo to Ximeno

10th St. Orange Ave. to Cherry Ave.

Estimated Completion: April

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Cherry Ave. Spring St. to Bixby Rd.

Estimated completion: May

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